

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. M. H. McGovern, 5439 Sheridan road, gave a lawn party at her home Thursday afternoon for the benefit of the Ephpheta School for the Deaf, Belmont and Crawford avenues. Mrs. McGovern has been interested in the school for a number of years.

Mrs. James E. Quan, 63 East Division street, who is chairman of the civil service committee of the Woman's City Club, is arranging a series of talks on civil service, illustrated with stereopticon, for the public schools.

There was a numerous crowd at Chicago Golf Club over the week-end. Noted in the club house, in the parlors or on the links were Dr. John B. Murphy, Miss Mildred Murphy, Miss Celeste Murphy, and Mrs. Murphy, Jarvis Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Springer Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Murphy, Mrs. E. N. Hurley, E. N. Hurley, Jr., Mrs. N. J. Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Linn.

Mrs. Samuel T. Chase and her daughters, the Misses Polly and Elizabeth Chase, have gone for the summer to York Harbor, Me.

Mrs. L. C. Elston, Jr., will return from Estes Park, Colo., early in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns are at Watersmeet, Mich., for a few weeks.

Mrs. Luther Laffin Mills of Winnetka has as her guest her daughter, Miss Caroline Mills of New York.

After a visit in York Harbor, Me., with Mrs. Everts Wrenn in her country place there, Mrs. George C. Clark has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon B. Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Beldier, and Mrs. A. R. Jones were among the Saturday night dinner hosts at the Lake Geneva Country Club.

Mrs. A. L. Ackerman of Rochester, N. Y., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Meeker, in the latter's summer home at Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Smith have returned from Charlevoix, Mich. There they were the guests of Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. E. G. Shumway.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mitchell were dinner hosts on Saturday evening. They entertained at their Lake Geneva home, Ceylon Court.

John J. Calnan, the well known plumber at 440 South Dearborn street, makes friends out of everybody he does business with by his straightforward methods.

Judge Charles A. Williams has pleased his friends by his fine record on the Municipal bench.

Judge John A. Mahoney of the Municipal court is very popular with the people because of the good, common sense he displays on the bench.

Rivers McNeill is making a good record as collector of customs and reflecting credit on President Wilson.

Judge John Barton Payne makes a splendid President of the South Park Commission.

The Central Barber Shop, at the southwest corner of Clark and Madison streets, is one of the finest barber shops in the United States. The proprietors, John F. Gattie and James H. Pye, are doing a big business. The establishment boasts twelve chairs and the finest baths in Chicago.

Edward Uhlman of the great Schlitz Brewing Company is one of the up-builders of Chicago.

Thomas J. Webb is respected in business and public life. He is an ideal member of the Board of Review.

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Walter Clyde Jones made an honorable and useful record in the State Senate. He would make a good judge.

Henry J. Kolze made a splendid County Commissioner. He would make a good city treasurer.

A. T. Koehne of 1100 Webster avenue, is frequently mentioned for Alderman of the Twenty-fourth ward, although he is not looking for any office himself.

Thomas J. Sauerman of Ohio and Clark streets and proprietor of the oldest saloon and restaurant in Chicago has the finest bar fixtures in America. They were made over fifty years ago, and the carving was all done by hand. The German Historical Society has taken photographs of them.

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INTERESTING ITEMS
FROM THE CITIES

New York Zoo Has a Snake That Blows Itself Up

NEW YORK.—Keeper Charley Snyder of the snakehouse up at the Bronx park zoo got a new hunch the other day for his old scheme of crossing the hoop snake with the puff adder, and thereby turning out a constant supply of living tires for automobiles. For the first time in the experience of even the noted snake expert of the Bronx park reptile house, Dr. Raymond Dismars, a snake came to the park which can blow itself up like a Wall street bull market.

The snake was sent to the zoo by a party of naturalists now in South America looking up specimens for the Zoological society. It is about four feet long and normally not fatter than a broom handle. The moment that sightseers stop in front of its glass house it first seems to become obsessed with the notion that it is another Charlotte of the Hippodrome ice ballet and begins to throw itself into grapevine twists, figure eights and capital S's. There were hopes that it could also write its name with itself, but this feat seemed beyond it.

When it takes a deep breath or something, however, is the time that its great mental and physical gifts are displayed at their best. One moment the crowd saw a snake an inch or less in diameter and the next moment it was a Zeppelin.

All four feet of the snake begin to swell until the body measures from three to four inches in diameter from head to steering gear. The snake will remain inflated for some time then, or until it reaches a decision that enough is enough. Thereupon it collapses with the suddenness and general hullabaloo of an automobile tire.

Detroit Will Make Garden Spots of Its Alleys

DETROIT.—Not the desert, but the alleys of Detroit, will be made to blossom as the rose, also the morning glory, the clematis, even the wild cucumber, if the plan inaugurated by the home and school gardening committee of the Twentieth Century club, of which Mrs. George G. Caron is chairman, receives the hearty co-operation of the home-loving citizens of Detroit.

An ordinance has recently been passed which provides for cleaner alleys, and the gardening committee wish to make a pleasure of duty, and stimulate interest in the beautifying, as well as the cleaning, of the alleys. So in the fall there are to be prizes for the best alleys in various blocks throughout the city, where the citizens care to enter the contest. The planting of flowers along the fences, inside and out, and the training of vines to hide ugly buildings on the alleys will be part of the scheme. Phillip Breitmeyer has given \$100 in prizes, and a like amount will be given by the Twentieth Century club.

Any city block where the garden markers wish to organize may have the service and advice of Leon B. Gardner, who has been secured by the club to assist the work of forming community gardens. It is the desire of the club to stimulate an esthetic interest in beautifying property on the part of home-makers, as well as to encourage the children to plant gardens of their own.

Queer Things Found in Gotham's Slot Telephones

NEW YORK.—"You would be surprised," said the telephone man, "to see the amount and variety of junk sorted from the nickel-in-the-slot machine telephones in New York city every month."

"Last month we had two small barrels of assorted coins, slugs and other things. There are various foreign coins, such as German 2 1/2 pfennig pieces. They may be about the size of a nickel, but they are of considerably less value. On the other hand, an occasional gold coin glistens forth from the dingy pile of iron and copper. When one of these comes along it helps to make up the deficiency, but in the long run of course we lose."

"Probably you know," continued the telephone man, "that some rural districts are equipped with what are known as farmer lines, that is a local service. Farmers are not noted for the great amount of ready cash they carry about with them; furthermore, it is inconvenient for persons in isolated districts to be always supplied with change. So arrangement is made with some local merchant who acts as a banker. He sells the farmer slugs which are the size and shape of a five-cent piece. Now it must be that a lot of men are drifting in from the hick towns every day and fetching along pocketfuls of these iron slugs, for we are constantly finding them."

"There is another interesting phase about this petty form of dishonesty. Of course you know that New York is a gum-chewing town and probably the habit has its mental effect, especially on the young. It isn't at all likely that a boy could chew gum all the way from the Bronx to the Battery every day and even up to lunch time without thinking after a while of something else to do with the gum. We sometimes find two pennies stuck together with chewing gum and sometimes a wad of gum sandwiched between two pieces of tin. Then, of course, all the nickels in New York that have holes in them and those that have been chipped eventually find their way into pay-station phones."

Antiprofanity Club Organized in Bucyrus, Ohio

BUCYRUS, O.—Several of the most respected citizens of Bucyrus have formed what they call an "Antiprofanity club," and it is said the membership is constantly increasing. It appears that these gentlemen who have taken the initiative in the establishment of this organization have heretofore been addicted to the use of violent and picturesque language when things didn't go along smoothly. It appears that before this club was formed there was considerable rivalry in Bucyrus among the charter members as to which one could, under stress, emit the largest volume of sulphuric language in a given time without repeating himself. In fact, they were quite proud of their ability to express themselves in a lurid and vehement manner. When a Bucyrus citizen began to talk in the language of a pirate it was not unusual for the neighbors to call their children in off the street and close the windows.

At last, however, the wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts of these naughty word jugglers shamed them into reform. The ladies pointed out to them the evil influence their profanity was sure to have on the rising generation of the town, and suggested that when a man resorts to profanity to express himself it is an admission that his education in pure English has been neglected.

These arguments seemed reasonable, so the gentlemen who had been doing ground and lofty tumbling as to their use of pyrotechnic language got together and formed the Antiprofanity club.

In lieu of the volcanic verbal eruptions which they formerly used, each member of the club has been furnished with a list of mild and harmless expletives to be used in case of emergency. Here are a few of these gentle and refined expressions:

"Mercy on me!" "Oh, goodness!" "La-la-la!" "Gracious sakes!" "Gee-whilliker!" "Dad-bing!" and "Ding-bust it!"

"Ding-bust it!" is regarded by the club members as perhaps the most forceful and expressive expletive in the list, and as a result there has probably been more "ding-busting" done recently in Bucyrus than in any other town of the same population in the United States.

GATHERED FACTS

One of its moons circles Mars every seven hours.
Bombay, India, employs 200,350 in the cotton industry.

After four years of work, it is believed that St. Paul's cathedral in London has been made practically safe from fire.

An English railroad supplies toy locomotives and cars to children taking long journeys to relieve the monotony of riding.

There are 10,000 miners employed in the coal mines of Nova Scotia.

In the handle of a new dust pan is a bellows, operated by a piston, which aids in collecting dust too fine for a broom to move.

A Frenchman has invented apparatus to compress air in a reservoir as the doors of a house are opened and utilize it to wind clocks.

An Austrian chemist claims to have invented a liquid coating for smoked meats that soon hardens and preserves them indefinitely.

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